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### **District Man Pleads Guilty to Murder In July 2008 Slaying in Northeast Washington - Victim Was Shot With an Assault Rifle -**

WASHINGTON - John Youngbey, 30, of Washington, D.C., has pled guilty to a charge of second degree murder while armed in connection with the July 2008 shooting death of another man in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Youngbey pled guilty on September 9, 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He will be sentenced on November 10, 2011, by the Honorable Judge William M. Jackson. He faces up to 40 years in prison.

At the plea hearing, Youngbey admitted that on July 16, 2008, another individual drove him, along with others, in a minivan to the area of the Pentacle Apartments in Northeast Washington. There, a young woman exited the minivan and went into one of the residences. While waiting for her to return, several young men approached the minivan. They included Robert Mallory, 19, who was on a bicycle.

An argument ensued. Youngbey and the others started to leave the area when one of the unidentified young men fired a gun at the minivan, missing it. Youngbey and his group then drove to another location, where Youngbey got an assault rifle. Later that evening, Youngbey and the others drove back to the area of the Pentacle Apartment to pick up the young woman.

As they drove past the 1500 block of F Street NE, Youngbey spotted Mallory. Youngbey exited the minivan with the assault rifle and gave chase. He caught up with Mallory and shot him several times before returning to the minivan with the assault rifle. Youngbey and the others then drove away. Mallory died from the gunshot injuries.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Darren March, Wayne Marable, Dwayne Corbett, and Anthony McGee. He also commended Paralegal Specialist Kelly Blakeney and

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Victim Witness Advocate Marcey Rinker. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles W. Cobb and Gary M. Wheeler, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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